

Region 6 Fact Sheet

Geographic summary

States: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

Tribes: 66 Tribal Nations (Navajo Nation jurisdiction within New Mexico is overseen by EPA Region 9 office under 1991 Memorandum of Understanding)

Logistics

Regional Office headquarters: Renaissance Tower, 1201 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas

Field offices: El Paso Border Office, Tulsa Field Office

Laboratory: Houston Analytical Laboratory

Staff: 684 FTE

Top environmental priorities and challenges

- **Class VI Underground Injection Control Program Delegation:** Louisiana Department of Natural Resources is seeking delegation of the Class VI UIC program to have the authority to oversee the geologic storage of CO₂. Louisiana Department of Natural Resources has indicated there are at least 15 Class VI project applicants with an average of 4 wells per project that may be submitted over the next 6-12 months.
- **Deepwater Port CAA Permit Projects, Gulf of Mexico:** EPA has four pending Clean Air Act permit applications underway for several Deepwater Port oil export facilities located in the Gulf of Mexico. EPA regards a provision of the Deepwater Port Act, 33 USC § 1501, *et seq*, as the primary source of its authority to apply the Clean Air Act (CAA) to activities associated with Deepwater Ports air permitting in the western Gulf of Mexico.
- **Denka Performance Elastomer LLP, La Place, Louisiana:** EPA continuous air monitoring program will continue, barring unforeseen circumstances, until December 31, 2020, to better understand if chloroprene emission spikes can be further correlated with operational issues. EPA and Louisiana will continue to work with Denka to develop specific actions for controlling and reducing chloroprene emissions from their operations.
- **Ethylene Oxide National Air Toxics Assessment:** The 2014 National Air Toxics Assessment identified 9 major industrial facilities in Texas and Louisiana which modeling projects high levels of ethylene oxide emissions. EPA is currently assessing and updating emissions data for technical assessment purposes for the 9 facilities identified with high NATA estimated risks in the Region 6.
- **Questa Mine NPL Superfund Site, Questa, New Mexico:** In February 2019, Chevron Mining Incorporated requested that EPA “consolidate regulatory authority” at the Chevron-Questa Mine Superfund Site by regulating discharges from the facility under CERCLA authority rather than under the NPDES program. EPA agreed with this approach in June 2019 but noted that the consolidation would require an amendment to the 2010 Record of Decision.
- **San Jacinto Waste Pits NPL Superfund Site, Harris County, Texas:** The 90% design for the Record of Decision that includes removing the waste for disposal off-site is due April 2021. In August 2020 the potentially responsible parties conducting the Remedial Design for the remedy selected by EPA in 2017,

requested an extension to submit the Pre-Final Remedial Design for the northern waste impoundment at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits NPL Superfund Site. EPA approved the request.